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Sir:

Attached is a completed Form PTO/SB/08A and copies of the references cited therein. Following are comments on these references.

Selected portions of U.S. Patent Numbers 5,967,580, 5,845,540, and 4,911,033, all issued to M.E. Roshien are included to illustrate the genesis of the Hime Joint.

U.S. Patent Numbers 6,076,247, 4,957,307, and 4,783,095 show variations of the prior art use of ball and socket joints in vehicle suspension systems.

Tuan et al. in U.S. Patent Number 4,986,688 shows a simple ball and socket joint for a vehicle steering control system.

There is no precedent in the prior art for incorporating a Hime Joint in the suspension system of a vehicle.

Respectfully submitted,

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